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1. South Vietnam

The outcome is still in doubt as the government stakes its prestige on a forceful effort to re-establish its authority in Da Nang and other disaffected cities. The troops dispatched today to the Da Nang airport may have begun moving into the city proper.

At last report, there was no word of violence in Da Nang, but there were indications that antigovernment forces were preparing to resist. The Da Nang radio station has been put out of operation by its progovernment staff.

In Hué the radio called today for the public to join First Division troops and police in resisting any government move on that city. In the central mountain town of Dalat, government police sent in to restore order failed to overcome demonstrating students. In Saigon itself, government forces were obliged again to use tear gas against demonstrators. Another demonstration is planned for tomorrow.

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As could be expected, there has been a sharp rise in coverage of the "struggle movement" in Hanoi and Viet Cong propaganda. This has particularly emphasized the anti-US aspects and seems designed to press the "struggle groups" further in that direction.

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2. Communist China

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3. Common Market

Walter Hallstein, President of the European Economic Community Commission, may be unable to accept reappointment because of illness. This would be good news for the French; they have wanted to get rid of him for some time, believing that this would help to weaken the commission.

If Hallstein is out of the running, the French would have a better chance to promote the candidacy of Dino Del Bo-- the somewhat erratic President of the Coal-Steel Authority--or Paul-Henri Spaak, also mentioned as a possibility by the French.

4. Soviet Union

Luna 10 remains in orbit around the moon

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There is still no evidence that the probe has photographed the lunar surface, but Luna 10 probably has enough payload capacity to accommodate photographic equipment.

Western press reports that the spacecraft seems to be tumbling and is therefore malfunctioning.

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5. Soviet Union

Moscow seems to have been surprised and irritated by the speech delivered last Thursday by the Cuban delegate to the Soviet party congress. Armando Hart Davalos, Castro's high-ranking representative at the meeting, came out with the most belligerent statement yet made there. On Vietnam, for instance, he proposed that a military force be created capable of stopping the bombing of the north.

The Soviet news agency, TASS, so far has been careful not to mention this part of the speech. Pravda and Izvestia have tried to indicate that the Cuban's long harangue on Vietnam failed to get any applause at all.

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